



Firearm Safety



The **Hayward Police Department** has a limited supply of **firearm safety kits** (gun locks) available to any firearm owner in the City of Hayward.

We are really encouraging residents to pick up a safety kit so that they can securely store their firearms. The goal of distributing the gun locks is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from getting a hold of a firearm in your home. We urge all gun owners—especially those with children in their homes—to use safety locks on their firearms and keep them out of sight, and secured in a gun safe.

The gun-lock program is sponsored by **Project ChildSafe**, which is organized and managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and funded by the firearms industry and grants from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The safety devices are short cables with locking ends that are looped through the cylinders of revolvers, the bolt-holding devices of bolt-action rifles, and the ejection ports of automatic pistols and pump-action shotguns. They open with a key.

Only car accidents and cancer cause more deaths among children and young adults than accidents, suicides and homicides involving firearms. Studies have linked ease of access to guns as a contributing factor to the high firearms death rate.

If you are interested, please contact **Crime Prevention Specialist, Gale Bleth at 293-7151 (gale.bleth@hayward-ca.gov); Officer J. Smith at 293-3469 ; or Lieutenant D. Lundgren at 293-7296 .**